ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTY-FOURTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Bethlehem Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

Bellville Church, Conecuh Co., Alabama,

Commencing September 24, 1890.

OFFICERS.

G. W. Leslie.....Moderator.
W. T. Nettles.....Clerk.

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MINUTES.

The Seventy-Fourth Annual Session of the Bethlehem Baptist Association met with Belleville Church, Conecuh county, Alabama, on Wednesday before the fourth Sabbath in September, 1890, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the Moderator, J. W. Leslie, in the chair. The Association was called to order; religious exercises were conducted by Rev. B. J. Skinner by reading 40th Psalm; prayer by Rev. S. L. Lowery.

A committee on credentials was appointed by the Moderator, consisting of J. P. Watkins, T. J. Emmons and J. F. Cunningham.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS.

First District.

Bethany—B. Shirley, D. H. Lee, J. P. Watkins, B. J. Skinner.
Philadelphia—W. T. Nettles, W. B. Kemp, W. H. Fountain, T. A. Nettles, J. T. Newberry.
Belleville—Jas. Straughn, G. R. Stamps, W. K. Burt, Mc Stamps.
New Hopewell—B. H. Porter, Wm. Blair.
Repton—W. L. Gulley, W. R. Linton, A. B. Bartlett.
Ramah—Not represented.
Enon—A. D. McNeil, C C. Hanks
Pleasant Ridge—J. L. Smith, J. A. Lowery, C. A. Smith.

Second District.

Claiborne—B. F. Carter, R. I Draughn, Jas. Thames.
Perdue Hill—W. W. Daily, Henry Agee.
Salem—J. H. Brown, J. E. Brown, G. Q. Crapps, G. W. Thompson.
Monroeville—J. W. Leslie. T. J. Emmons, T. S. Wiggins.
Zion—E D. Hixon, J. C. Falkenbury, W. N. Wiggins, E. B. O'Guynn.
Hamilton Hill—A. J. Wiggins, J. F. Bussey.
Oak Grove—Jas. Kirby, J. G. Roley.
Mt. Pleasant—A. J. Lambert, N. H. Taylor.
Montgomery Hill—J. R. Hodgen, T. P. Atkinson.
Point Pleasant—S. L. Lowery, R. S. Smith.
Mars Hill—Not represented.
Poplar Spring—Not represented.

An election was held for the election of officers for the present term of the Association, which resulted in the re-election of J. W. Lester, Moderator; W. T. Nettles, Clerk, and J. P. Watkins as Treasurer.

Committee on Preaching—Deacons of Belleville church, W. B. Kemp, Henry Agee.

Call for correspondence. Rev. W. B. Crumpton was recognized as representative of State Missions.

Ministerial Education was represented by Rev. B. J. Skinner; Bethel Association was represented by Bro. J. B. Jackson; Co-

necuh County Association was represented by Brethren Turner, Long, W. J. Duncan, J. H. Higdon and S. W. Lee.

Committee on Queries and Requests—G. R. Stamps, W. H. Fountain.

Finance Committee—T. S. Wiggins, W. K. Burt.

The Association adjourned to 1 o'clock p. m.

The Association met according to adjournment; religious exercises conducted by Rev. S. L. Lowery.

Rev. C. W. Hare was recognized as representative of the Alabama Baptist.

Called for reports of standing committees.

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Ministerial Education have not at hand such statistics and information on this subject as they would gladly present in this report, but can, with pleasure, say that the churches comprising this body have done more within the last year than they have done in previous years. We have five ministerial students at Howard College, some of whom promise great usefulness in their high calling. It is our duty to sustain these young brethren until they are fully equipped for their work. The question for an educated ministry is now no longer a question, but a settled fact. The general advance in education throughout this land demands it, and our duty in aiding our young ministers to prepare themselves for effective and acceptable labor, we submit, is no less upon us than any other of the enterprises which demand our consideration. Let us faithfully perform this duty.

T. S. Wiggins, Chairman.

Adopted.

Forcible speeches were made on this report by Revs. B. J. Skinner, W. B. Crumpton and C. W. Hare.

The Association adjourned to meet at 9 p. m., Thursday.

SECOND DAY.

Thursday, Sept. 25.

Association met pursuant to adjournment. Religious exercises were conducted by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

On motion, a committee on apportionment was appointed, consisting of Brethren W. B. Kemp, A. J. Lambert and J. P. Watkins, whose duty it was to apportion to each church in this body an amount to be raised for mission work.

REPORT ON DENOMINATIONAL EDUCATION.

Your committee on Denominational Education can not do better than to submit the very flattering report submitted and adopted at the last session of this body as our report, only adding that the new college building for the Howard is rapidly approaching completion, and we have reason to believe that the dormitory will be erected in the next year.

T. S. Wiggins, Chairman.

The report on Denominational Education was adopted, and ably discussed by Revs. W. B. Crumptan, C. W. Hare and B. J.

Skinner. An interested audience gave to those speeches their close attention.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Your committee beg leave to report the greatest encouragement to meet the growing of missions in this Association is, the great commission of the Savior, "Go ye into the world and preach the gospel to every creature, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

A. J. LAMBERT, Chairman.

Supplementary to this report the following resolution was adopted with the report:

Resolved, That the Moderator be requested to gather information about the destitution within our bounds and place it before the State mission board at its next meeting, with the request that if in its power this destitution be supplied. We promise as an Association to co-operate with the board in this work, and, as far as possible, supply the means to support this work.

The State mission board was ably represented by Rev. W. B. Crumpton in a forcible speech made in behalf of State missions, also by Rev. A. J. Lambert.

The hour of 11 o'clock having arrived, Rev. W. B. Crumpton preached from 6 Cor. 19th and 20th verse—text, latter clause 19th verse.

Rev. C. W. Hare represented the interest or the Alabama Baptist in an interesting speech.

At this hour a collection was taken for missions, which resulted in a cash collection of $30.75.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON APPORTIONMENT FOR MISSIONS.

Philadelphia	$30 00	Salem	$29 70
Ramah	27 00	Claiborne	16 20
Bethany	20 00	Pleasant Hill	17 40
Bellville	20 00	Perdue Hill	20 00
Point Pleasant	17 10	Oak Grove	11 00
Enon	7 20	Mt. Pleasant	8 00
New Hopewell	8 70	Montgomery Hill	16 00
Zion	38 10	Hamilton Hill	8 00
Monroeville	27 00	Pleasant Ridge	6 70

Adopted.

A call was made for pledges to Ministerial Education.

Monroeville	$25 00	Enon	2 50
Mt. Pleasant	15 00	Zion	10 00
Bethany	15 00	Salem	5 00
Montgomery Hill	10 00	Claiborne	10 00
Bel ville	15 00	Perdue Hill	15 00
New Hopewell	2 50	Philadelphia	20 00
Point Pleasant	2 50	Hamilton Hill, cash	5 00

Moved a recess of one hour.

Association met according to adjournment.

Religious services by Rev. B. J. Skinner.

REPORT ON WOMAN'S WORK.

Your committee recommend a continuance of their work after their own plans, as we think they are accomplishing much good by their labors. We do heartily endorse the election of our sister, Mary F. Nettles, as vice-president of Woman's Missionary Society. We think women and

pastors should agree on plans, methods, &c., in their Christian effort to do good. J. L. Smith, Ch'n.

Adopted.

Appropriate remarks by Rev. B. J. Skinner.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

From an examination of letters from various churches comprising this Association, your committee cannot make a favorable report of Sabbath-school work during the last year. We find only eight schools reported, but we are informed a number exist that are not reported. We cannot report from our information whether there has been any improvement made in this work since our last annual meeting. We fear some of our churches do not appreciate the importance of this work.

Jas. Straughn, Ch'n.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee on Temperance cannot too strongly urge a more united and determined effort on the part of the people, and particularly of the church members, the great importance of resisting by every means in their power the use of intoxicating drinks. The great evil of intemperance in our midst, while it has, to some extent, been checked by prohibitory laws and the commendable efforts of the Good Templars within the bounds of this Association, still exist to an alarming extent. The church must be foremost in putting a stop to this most degrading practice of using intoxicating liquors. The church of Christ is, or ought to be, the leading temperance society of the land. Often has it been noted that those professing to be subjects of the visible Kingdom of Christ on earth are really subjects to the debasing habit—a habit that dethrones men's reason, impoverishes them and brings want and suffering to their families. Too much stress cannot be placed upon the fact, that to the church, and to the church alone, must belong the victory of conquering this detestible foe to all holy aspirations and godliness.

W. T. Nettles, Ch'n.

Adopted.

Eloquent temperance speeches were made by Revs. W. B. Crumpton and C. W. Hare.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Montgomery Hill church request that the annual session be held with them. W. H. Fountain, Ch'n.

A motion by Bro. A. J. Lambert that the Association meet Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1891, at 11 o'clock a. m., and that an introductory sermon be preached by Rev. B. J. Skinner. Adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Rev. B. J. Skinner:

Resolved, That this Association heartily endorse the action of the Southern Baptist Convention at its late session, at Fort Worth, in appointing a committee to continue the series of Sabbath-school publication known as the Kind Word series, and we recommend them to the Sabbath-schools of our churches for their use.

Adopted.

STANDING COMMITTEES.

On Sunday Schools—J. P. Watkins, B. F. Carter, C. C. McWilliams.
Woman's Work—W. B. Kemp, E. D. Hixon, J T. Newberry.
Denominational Education—B. J. Skinner, T. A. Nettles, J. R. Hodgen.
Missions—T. S Wiggins, S L. Lowery J. L Smith.
Temperance—Henry Agee, J. H. Brown, J. A. Wiggins.
Ministerial Education—A. J Lambert, A. D. McNeil, G. R. Stamps.

Resolved, That the thanks of this Association be heartily tendered the kind people of Bellville for their generous hospitality, and to Mrs. Farnham for the excellent music rendered.

Finance report adopted. See tabular statement.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance committee	$191 85
public collection for missions	30 75
Total	$222 60

Minute fund, $25 90, turned over to Clerk.

J. P. WATKINS, Treas.

Resolved. That this Association now adjourn to meet with Montgomery Hill church, Baldwin county, on Saturday before the fourth Lord's day in September, 1891, at 11 o'clock.

Prayer by Rev. C. W. Hare.

J. W. LESLIE, Moderator.

W. T. NETTLES, Clerk.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

S. L. Lowery	Brewton, Escambia county,	Ala.
A. J. Lambert	Mt. Pleasant, Monroe county,	"
R. I. Draughn	Perdue Hill, Monroe county,	"
W. A. Locke	Perdue Hill, Monroe county,	"
E. J. Watts	Tekoa, Monroe county,	"
B. J. Skinner	Burnt Corn, Monroe county,	"

STATISTICS OF BETHLEHEM ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POSTOFFICES.	Ordained Ministers	Membership Last Reported.	Rec'd by Baptism.	Rec'd by Letter.	Rec. by Experience	Restored.	Dismiss'd by Letter.	Excluded.	Erased.	Deceased.	Present Membership.	S. S. SUPTS.	POSTOFFICES.	S. S. offic's & teach's	S. S. Pupils.	Preaching Sabbath.
Bellville	Conecuh	B. J. Skinner	J. Straughan	Bellville	..	63	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	61	W. Miller	Bellville	..	..	4
Bethany	Monroe	G. M. Parker	J. P. Watkins	Burnt Corn	1	60	..	..	..	..	9	..	..	..	51	.....	.....	..	..	4
Claiborne	Monroe	W. A. Locke	B. F. Carter	Perdue Hill	1	56	..	2	..	..	..	1	..	..	57	.....	.....	..	..	3
Enon	Monroe	W. A. Locke	L. R. Cater	Hollinger	..	21	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	A. D. McNeil	Hollinger	4	20	..
Hamilton Hill	Monroe	A. P. Majors	J. A. Wiggins	Claiborne	..	12	2	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	17	E. D. Hixon	Claiborne	4	18	3
Monroeville	Monroe	B. J. Skinner	John DeLoach	Monroeville	..	73	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	1	72	J. W. Leslie	Monroeville	7	56	2
Montgomery Hill	Baldwin	A. J. Lambert	L. F. Warren	Tensaw	..	52	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	53	T. P. Atkinson	Tensaw	6	35	4
Mt. Pleasant	Monroe	.....	G. W. Falk	Mt. Pleasant	1	27	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27	.....	.....	4	39	2
New Hopewell	Conecuh	S. L. Lowery	C. G. Hammond	Range	..	29	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	33	B. A. Porter	Range	4	20	..
Oak Grove	Monroe	S. L. Lowery	M. Stacey	Tekoa	1	69	2	..	..	..	1	2	..	1	67	J. E. Hanks	Tekoa	5	38	4
Philadelphia	Monroe	B. J. Skinner	J. D. Nettles	Kempville	..	115	..	..	..	..	8	..	..	1	106	W. T. Nettles	Kempville	5	30	3
Pleasant Ridge	Monroe	W. A. Locke	J. L. Smith	Monroeville	..	64	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	62	.....	.....	..	..	4
Pleasant Hill	Monroe	W. A. Locke	.....	.....	..	65	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	65	.....	.....	..	..	..
Perdue Hill	Monroe	G. M Parker	L. N. Lambert	Perdue Hill	..	31	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	30	.....	.....	..	..	2
Point Pleasant	Escambia	S. L. Lowery	J. A. Smith	Brewton	1	57	2	..	..	..	..	2	15	..	42	.....	.....	..	..	3
Ramah	Monroe	.....	.....	.....	..	78	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	78	.....	.....	..	..	..
Repton	Conecuh	S. L. Lowery	F. D. Straughan	Repton	..	17	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	19	.....	.....	..	..	4
Salem	Monroe	W. A. Locke	G. W. Thompson	Perdue Hill	..	108	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	1	105	.....	.....	..	..	..
Zion	Monroe	A. J. Lambert	C. C. McWilliams	Axle	..	120	..	7	..	1	5	..	..	1	122	J. M. Falkenbu-	Axle	4	35	1
Mars Hill	Monroe	.....	.....	.....	..	...	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	...	..... [ry	.....	..	..	..
Poplar Spring	Monroe	.....	.....	.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	.....	.....	..	..	..

FINANCIAL EXHIBIT OF BETHLEHEM BAPTIST ASSOCIATION—1890.

CHURCHES.	Home Missions.	Foreign Missions	State Missions.	Ministerial Education—Cash	Ministerial Education—Howard College.	Minutes.	Associat'n'l Purposes and Undesignated.	S. S. Benevolence Missions.	S. S. Expenses.	Pastor's Salary.	Repairs, Fuel, the Poor, etc.	Value of Building and Furniture.
Belleville	v 2 30	v 2 30	$ 5 40	$ 3 05	$11 95	$ 2 00	$ 1 00	$ 4 00	$.....	$ 150 00	$ 40 00	$ 1000 00
Bethany	.....	2 65	.....	10 00	10 00	2 00	.....	.....	.....	150 00	... .	500 00
Claiborne	.....	2 65	2 65	.....	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Enon	.....	.....	5 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	3 00	45 00	.....	100 00
Hamilton Hill	3 50	2 00	3 00	.....	5 00	1 50	.....	.....	2 00	100 00	150 00	600 00
Monroeville	.....	8 55	7 45	13 35	11 55	3 50	.....	.....	10 00	150 00	... .	700 00
Montgomery Hill	.....	.....	.....	5 75	14 25	50	.....	.....	13 00	120 00	... .	1 500 00
Mt. Pleasant	.....	2 00	2 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	... .	.....	800 00
New Hopewell	80	.....	... ..	5 00	.....	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ...	....
Oak Grove	.....	.....	.....	2 85	2 15	75	.....	.....	1 35	.....	.....	50 00
Philadelphia	v 4 25	v 6 15	9 70	.....	25 00	3 50	.....	.....	2 50	150 00	.....	1000 00
Pleasant Ridge	.....	.....	3 35	....	.....	1 15	.....	.....	.....	75 00	.....	.....
Pleasant Hill	.....	.....	... ..	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	... ..	.....
Perdue Hill	.....	.....	....	15 00	.....	70	.....	.....	.....	... .	... .	.....
Point Pleasant	3 70	... ..	3 10	3 00	... ..	1 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	... .	.....
Ramah	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.. ..	... .	500 00
Repton	.....	.....	4 00	.....	.....	1 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Salem	2 30	4 00	. ..	7 00	2 70	1 80	.....	.....	2 25	100 00	.....	500 00
Zion	6 50	6 50	7 00	10 00	.....	2 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500 00
Mar's Hill	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Poplar Springs	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Voucher	$ 6 55	$ 17 00	$15 70	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cash	16 20	20 00	36 95	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	$ 22 75	$ 37 10	$52 65	$75 00	$97 45	$25 90	$ 1 00	$ 4 00	$34 40	$1040 00	$ 190 00	$8 250 00

Name of Moderator, J. W. Leslie; postoffice of Moderator, Monroeville. Name of Clerk, W. T. Nettles; postoffice of Clerk, Kempville, Ala. Session of 1890 held with Belleville Baptist church, Conecuh county, on the 24th and 25th of September, 1890.

Total contribution of churches (cash) .....$ 191 85—Cash..... $ 222 60
Public collection..... 30 75—Treasurer's receipt..... 222 60

THOS. S. WIGGINS, Ch'n.

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